LAW SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Report on the working of the Mysore Arms Regulation, etc., for the year 1927.

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Letter No. D2. 3503—27, dated 16th May 1928, from the Inspector-General of Police, reporting on the working of the Mysore Arms Regulation and the Rules framed thereunder for the calendar year 1927.

(**Vide* Annexure.)

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2. The attention of the District Magistrates is invited to paragraph 7 of the letter read above. The inordinate delay in the submission of the reports for the Tumkur, Mysore and Hassan Districts in particular, should have been avoided.

3. It is unsatisfactory that in the Shimoga District as many as 17 shops were not inspected at all during the year under review and that there is no improvement in regard to this work in spite of attention having been repeatedly called to it in the past. The District Magistrate is requested to issue strict instructions in the matter and see that in future all the shops in the District are invariably inspected every year.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

ANNEXURE.

Letter No. D2. 3503—27, dated 16th May 1928, from the Inspector-General of Police, to the Secretary to Government, Law Department.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the working of the Mysore Arms Regulation and the Rules framed thereunder for the calendar year 1927.

2. Statement No. 1 herewith forwarded shows the total number and description of licenses issued during the year under the various forms as compared with those of the previous year, *viz.*, 1926. It will be seen therefrom that 24,486 licenses were issued during the year as against 22,113 in the previous year thus showing an increase of 2,373.

This increase is mostly under forms IV and VII in all the Districts except Chitaldrug. The largest increase was in the Shimoga District, *viz.*, 960. Next come the Districts of Kolar, Bangalore, Tumkur, Mysore and Hassan with 411, 338, 209 and 146 respectively.

3. Statement II herein enclosed shows the number of licensed dealers in sulphur, their stock and the purposes for which sulphur was chiefly used during the year under report.

Ninety-two persons were licensed during the year to deal in sulphur as against 109 in the previous year. The stock of sulphur on hand with these dealers at the end of the year 1927 was 14 tons, 5 cwts. and 11 lbs. as against 8 tons, 9 cwts. 3 qrs. and 583-100 lbs. at the close of the year 1926.

Sulphur is reported to have been used for the preparation of fire works and medicines.

4. Statement No. III appended shows the number of shops licensed in forms II and III and the result of inspection by the Police and the Magistracy. The total number of shops for which licenses were given during the year was 106 as against 117 in the previous year. Out of these the Police Inspectors inspected 52 shops, Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police 38 and the Magistracy 84. The total number of shops left wholly uninspected was 23 during the year as against 17 in the previous year. This is unsatisfactory, the inspections being worst in the Shimoga District where the number of shops wholly uninspected was 17. The direction of Government in this regard contained in Government Order No. 6160-9—Police 204-26-2, dated 30th May 1927 seems to have had no effect.

5. During the year under report, 54 persons were prosecuted in 54 cases including cases and persons pending at the beginning of the year for violation of the provisions of the Mysore Arms Regulation and the Rules framed thereunder. Of these 26 persons in 26 cases were convicted, 3 persons in 3 cases were acquitted, 4 persons in 4 cases were discharged, one case with one person was withdrawn and one case with one person was struck off the file as the accused died. The remaining 19 cases with 19 persons were pending at the close of the year.

6. During the year under report, it is reported that 28 guns (single barrel muzzle loaders) were manufactured in the Shimoga District and 83 guns were repaired in the Districts of Bangalore and Shimoga.

7. The delay in the submission of the report is due to non-receipt in time of the District reports which were received in this office on the dates noted below, with incomplete information in some instances:—

Bangalore ..	4th February 1928	Hassan ..	30th April 1928.
Kolar ..	7th March 1928		10th May 1928.
Tumkur ..	25th February 1928	Shimoga ..	18th February 1928.
	19th April 1928		8th March 1928.
Mysore ..	13th March 1928	Kadur ..	24th February 1928.
	11th May 1928	Chitaldrug ..	27th February 1928.
			12th March 1928.